

CHIPEX is Spot on

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After more than two years of great motoring in my MX-5 with ever increasing chips appearing, I reckoned it was time to restore the original look. Those on the nose cone can come up as black and on the bodywork a lighter colour than the original Galaxy Grey Micra. Wanting to tidy these up and recalling that a kit was featured in a previous copy of *Soft Top Hardtop*, I decided to give Chipex a go. So this was my experience.

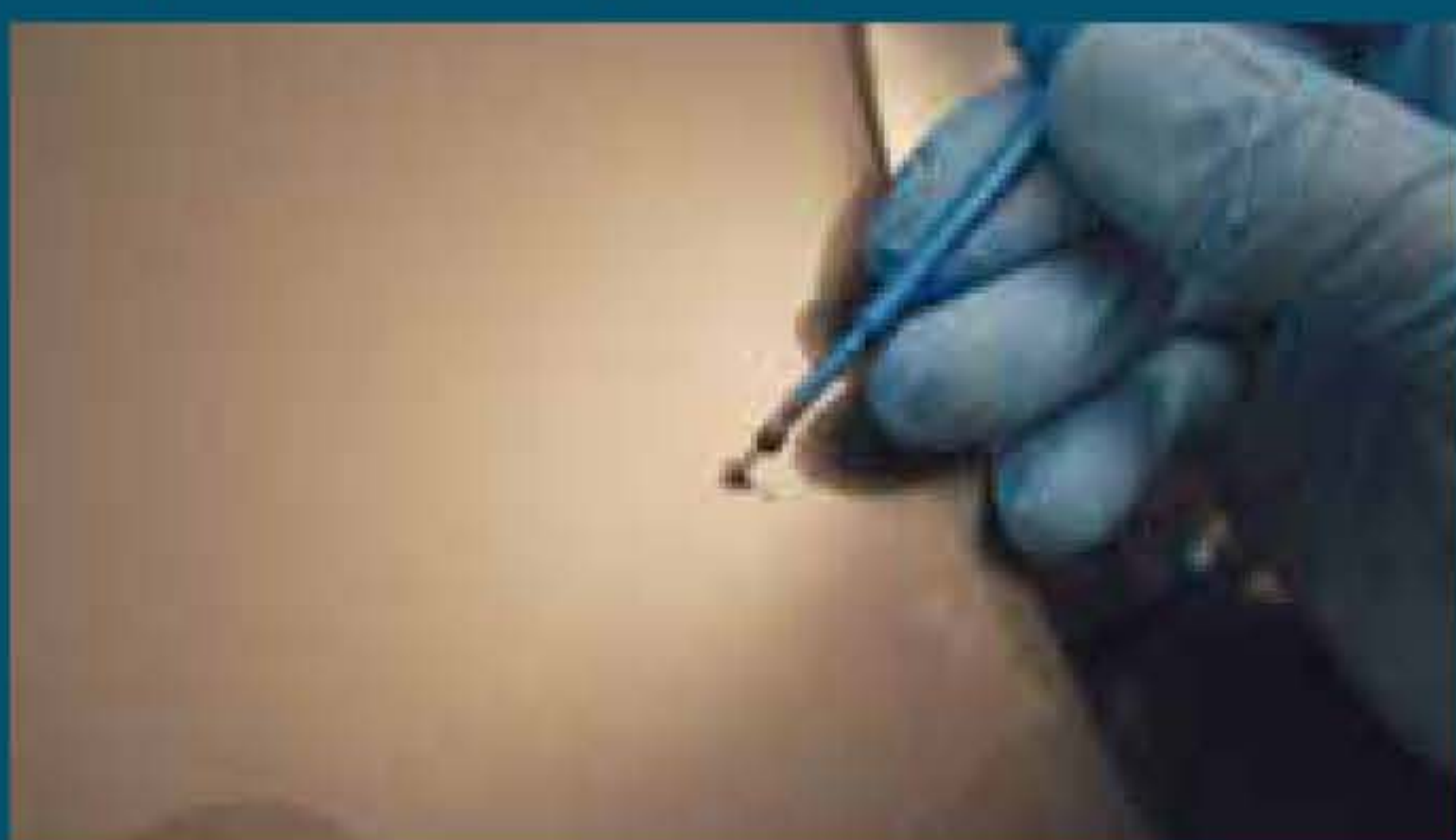
There is far more here than you with the conventional touch up pencils. It can look a little daunting but in fact is very simple and quick. With a little practice, excellent results can be achieved when compared with the conventional touch up pencils.

With this system large areas of gravel rash of predominantly small stone chips can quickly be treated. Larger deeper chips with a number of repeats of the first two stages can be made almost imperceptible and with more time near invisible to the naked eye. The beauty of the system is the blending stage which removes excess paint on application so there is not the need of cautious application as with a pencil, which really is only designed as a first aid approach to preventing corrosion. The Chipex system additionally has the advantage of being pleasing to the eye with minimal effort.

I used this system on my MX-5 which after some 17,000 miles of motoring had picked up a large number of stone chips. The results are impressive. I certainly will use the product as a regular maintenance item which can be used on a daily basis of dealing with a chip as soon as they are discovered, which for me is usually after I have given the MX-5 a good wash.

Stage 1 - Apply the paint.

Application by brush, cloth or the supplied tool as appropriate. Then flattened if necessary to prevent blobbing. (Use a hair dryer to touch dry surface if the ambient temperature is very cold)



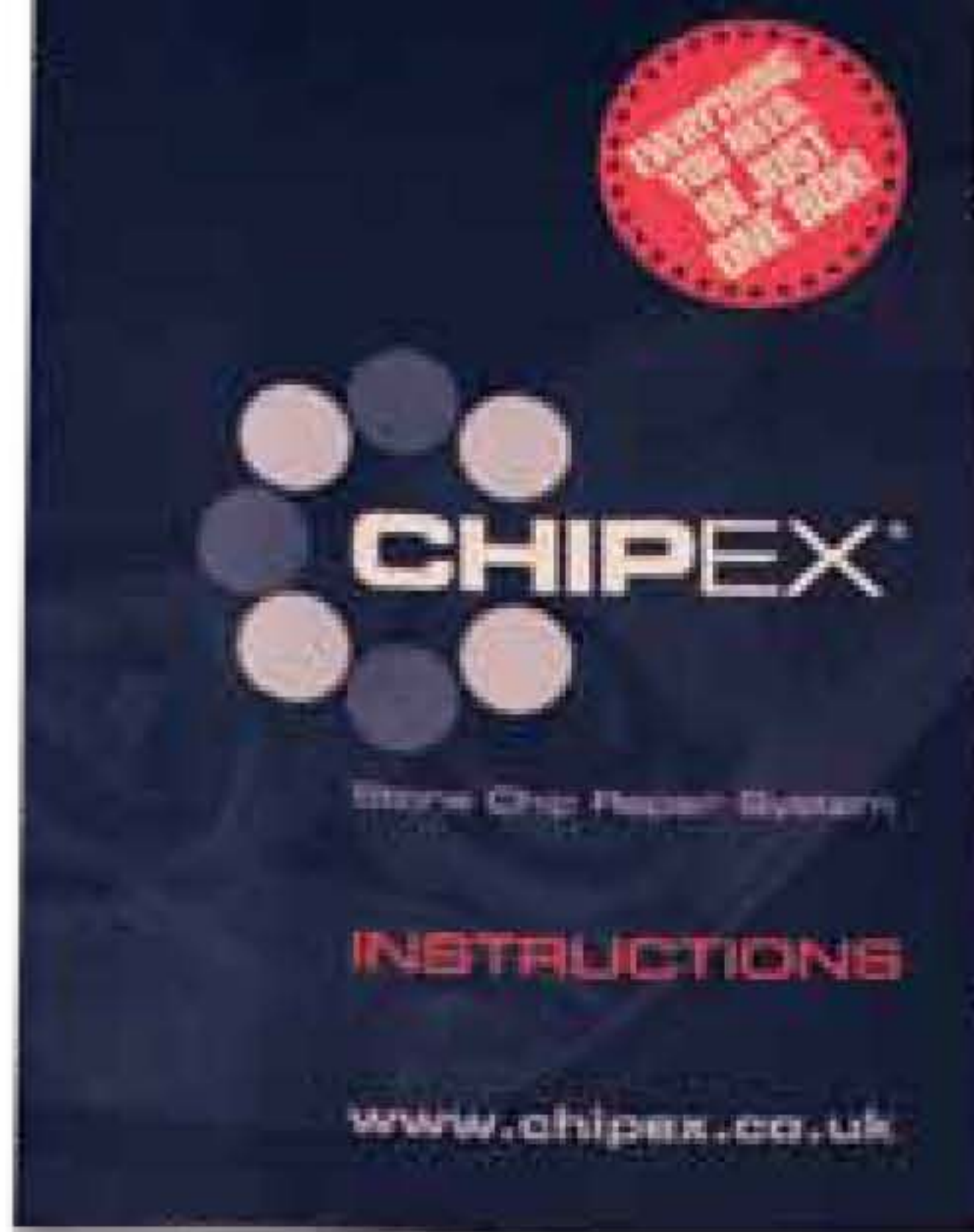
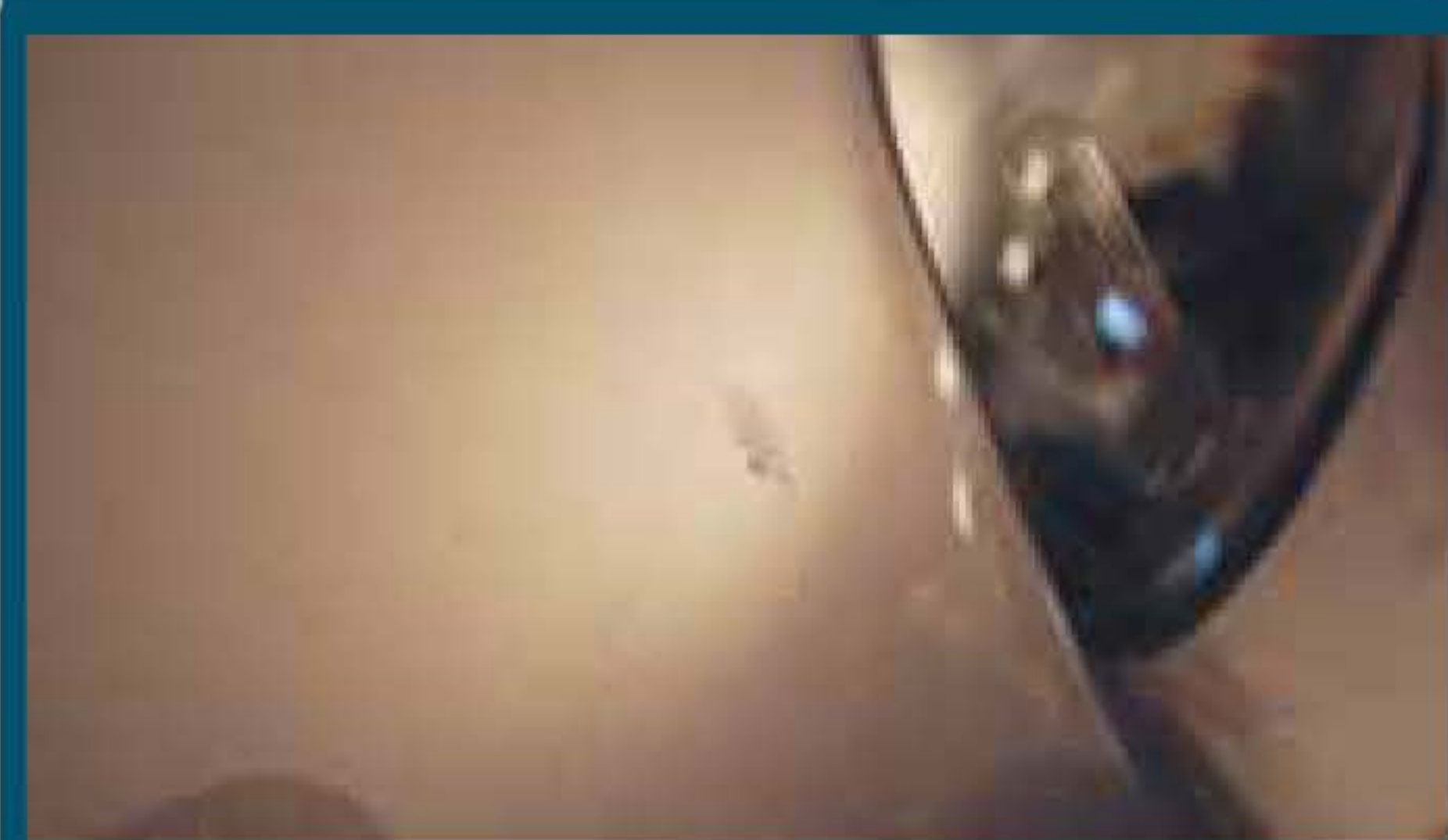
Stage 2 – blending the paint thus removing excess which forms a dandruff which can be brushed clear of area. Then repeat Stage 1 & 2 as necessary to build up paint level in the affected area.



Final Blending to complete the process Stage 3 polishing

So simple. So nice. So easy. Hitting the right spot with ease.

I recommend this product to all MX-5 owners and in my opinion, deserves Mazda endorsement. The kit is good value as it has a shelf life of 3 years, with oodles of paint and is so easy for anyone to use. The manufacturer is very helpful to make sure of correct colour match, using the manufacturer code, and happy to help with any advice or questions. So, with winter coming up the ideal time to do this work in the garage or a clear dry day in the open.



Out of the box.



CHIPEX The ultimate stone chip repair system.

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